THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As on 1st November, 1985, the stock of wheat with Food Corporation of India was estimated at 10.8 million tonnes.

(b) According to buffer stocking policy, the required level of wheat stock with the public agencies at different points of time during the year would range between 7.1 to 13.4 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The steps taken to bring down the excess stock of wheat are :

(i) The monthly allocations of wheat for public distribution system and roller flour mills have been liberalised ;

(ii) providing wheat for rural employment schemes and distribution of wheat at specially subsidised rates to the people living in tribal areas and other vulnerable sections of society ;

(iii) permitting export of wheat and wheat products ; and

(iv) permitting sale of wheat in the open market.

Employees working in Slum Wing of D.D.A.

2060. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the employees have been working in the Maintenance Cell of the Slum Wing of D.D.A. for more than 15 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Lt. Governor of Delhi has issued directions regarding the transfer of employees in this regard, irrespective of any post held by an employee; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken or/is being taken to transfer such employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) There is no cell known as Maintenance Cell in D.D.A.'s Slum Wing. However, in pursuance of the orders of the Lt. Governor, Delhi, dated 16th October, 1985, 311 employees in different categories engaged on the maintenance of the Slum Rehabilitation Colonies, have been transferred from D.D.A. to M.C.D. with effect from the afternoon of 16th October, 1985.

Irrigation Projects of Maharashtra pending with the Centre

2061. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) What are the details of irrigation projects from Maharashtra pending with the Centre for their clearance ;

(b) the period for which the projects are pending with the Government of India;

(c) the number of inter-State projects from Maharashtra that are to be sanctioned ;

(d) what is the progress of Lendi Project which is inter-State project in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra State ; and

(e) by what time this project will be cleared and by when the work will start ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) 19 major and 34 medium irrigation schemes received from the Maharashtra Government during the last 3 to 4 years are at various stages of examination